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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising:

a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest;

a receiving member or bag releasably attached to the base plate, said bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a bottom portion that is most distal from said second hole; and

a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the base plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and the receiving member being releasably attachable to the base plate by a second coupling component, the first coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user and said inner bag liner

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having folds along a plurality of folding lines such that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the third hole and a bottom of the inner liner so that, when the bag is empty and in said compacted condition, ~~an inner surface of~~ said liner bottom is ~~facing and~~ adjacent said third hole and distal from said receiving member bottom portion, initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter ~~contacting said inner surface of~~ pushing against said liner bottom ~~and forcing~~ and causing said folds to unfold so that said liner bottom moves away from the third hole to a position most distal from the stoma, ureter or catheter and adjacent the, ~~with~~ ~~said inner bag liner unfolding toward a~~ bottom portion of said receiving member as the liner is filled.

2. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling component is in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the second hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against the second surface of the base plate.

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3. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein an outer diameter of the first coupling component is greater than an inner diameter of the second coupling component.

4. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein a peel strength of the adhesive sealing of the first coupling component is greater than a peel strength of the second couplings component.

5. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling component is in the form of one or more coupling rings and wherein an outer diameter of the first coupling component is smaller than an inner diameter of the second coupling component.

6. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape but is impermeable to liquids.

7. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising an adhesive wafer, said adhesive wafer having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter, said adhesive wafer having

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a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest and a receiving member or bag attached to the adhesive wafer, said bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a bottom portion that is most distal from said second hole; and a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the adhesive wafer by a first coupling component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said first coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a first surface of the adhesive wafer, and said inner bag liner having folds along folding lines such that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the third hole and a bottom of the inner liner so that, when the liner is empty and in said compacted condition, ~~an inner surface of~~ said liner bottom is ~~facing and~~ adjacent said third hole and distal from said receiving member bottom portion, initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter ~~contacting said inner surface of~~ pushing against said liner bottom ~~and forcing~~ and causing the folds to unfold so that said liner bottom moves away from the third hole to a position most

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~~distal from the stoma, ureter or catheter and adjacent the, with~~  
~~said inner bag liner unfolding toward a bottom~~ portion of said  
receiving member as the liner is filled.

8. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner when compacted lengthwise forms a disc-like structure having an outer diameter less than the inner diameter of the first coupling component.

9. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines forms a bellows.

10. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines forms a telescopic bellows.

11. (Currently Amended) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the closed end of the compacted inner bag liner is provided with a cover to retain said inner bag liner in a said compact condition prior to use.

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12. (Currently Amended) A disposable inner bag liner having an open end for receiving effluents or waste products of the body and for use together with an ostomy appliance having an adhesive wafer to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest and a receiving member or bag having a receiving member hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said disposable inner bag liner comprising a liner hole in said open end for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and having a closed end being capable of forming a bag inside the receiving member, an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the liner hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a surface of the adhesive wafer, said inner bag liner having folds along folding lines such that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the liner hole and a bottom of said inner liner so that, when the bag is empty and in said compacted condition, ~~an inner surface of said liner bottom is facing and~~ adjacent said liner hole and distal from said receiving member bottom portion, initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter ~~contacting said inner surface of~~ pushing against said liner bottom ~~and forcing and causing said folds to unfold so that said liner bottom moves away from the liner hole to a position most distal from the stoma, ureter or catheter and~~

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~~adjacent the, with said inner bag liner unfolding toward a bottom~~  
portion of said receiving member as the liner is filled.

13. (Previously Presented) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape from the inner bag liner but is impermeable to liquids.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of applying to an ostomate an ostomy appliance comprising a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest; a receiving member or bag releasably attachable to the base plate, said receiving member having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a bottom portion most distal from said second hole; and a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving member and being releasably attachable to the base plate, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said inner bag liner being compacted lengthwise by folds along folding lines to form a disc-like structure, said folds being provided between said third

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hole and a bottom of said inner bag liner so that, when the bag is empty and in said compacted condition, ~~an inner surface of~~ said liner bottom is ~~facing and~~ adjacent said third hole and distal from said receiving member bottom portion, initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter ~~contacting said inner surface of~~ pushing against said bag liner bottom ~~and forcing and causing said folds to unfold so that said liner bottom moves away from the third hole to a position most distal from the stoma, ureter or catheter and adjacent the,~~ with said inner bag liner unfolding toward a bottom portion of said receiving member as the liner is filled, said inner bag liner being attachable releasably to the base plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling component and the receiving member being attachable releasably to the base plate by a second coupling component, said first coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user, said method comprising:

locating the stoma and applying the base plate;

locating the inner bag liner and applying and sealing the same to the first coupling area;

removing a release liner covering said first coupling component; and



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attaching the receiving member to the base plate.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 14, further comprising the step of securing said disc-like structure in said compact conformation by placing a cover on a closed end of said inner bag liner, said cover being removed in use of said inner bag liner by automatic unfolding of said bag liner in response to receipt of waste exiting said stoma, ureter or catheter and entering said third hole of said inner bag liner.

16. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 8 further comprising a cover on the closed end of said disc-like structure to retain said inner bag liner in said compact condition prior to use.

17. (Previously Presented) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the closed end of the compacted inner bag liner is provided with a cover that retains said inner bag liner in said compact condition prior to use.

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18. (Withdrawn) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein said inner bag liner is folded radially and longitudinally to form a combination bellows.